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The Honorable Dan Morales  
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Dear General Morales:

I am writing to seek your opinion regarding the creation of a private scholarship fund for minority students. In light of the *Hopwood* decision, I would like to know whether a private non-profit organization can administer scholarship monies to minority students in universities in Texas. I would also like to know the extent to which *Hopwood* affects the role of universities in providing resources to these non-profit organizations in terms of names of minority students, or a referral system at the university for minority students wanting to receive monies from the fund.

Your opinion on *Hopwood* was extremely broad and I need to confirm with you the specific role that a private foundation could partake in regarding minority scholarships in Texas.

I would respectfully request an opinion at your earliest convenience. I realize that your opinions usually take several months, but due to the nature of my request and its possible effects for students in Texas, I would request a preliminary response from you within the next two week.

Thank you for your prompt attention and research on this issue.

Sincerely,

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